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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects Application Serial No. 09/697,570

its relative pertinence. The references cited are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind.

Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that any item listed above is properly citable against the above-identified application.

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.(A) 53-082286 (NEC CORP), published July 20, 1978;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 62-058883 (HITACHI LTD), published March 14, 1987;
- (3) Tojo et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,950,135, issued August 21, 1990;
- (4) Sogo Denshi Shuppansha Japan, "Admission Into Ultrasonic Motor", February 20, 1991 (4 pages);
- (5) Hayashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,132,582, issued July 21, 1992;
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.(A) 05-184172 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), publishedJuly 23, 1993;
- (7) Hideaki OKU et al, "First Report of Piezoelectric Traveling Wave Type Linear Actuator", Collection of Lecture of Precision Engineering Institution, Spring, 1995 (2 pages);

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- (8) Glöss et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,424,597, issued June 13, 1995;
- (9) Nakahara et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,563,465, issued October 8, 1996;
- (10) Zumeris, U.S. Patent No. 5,616,980, issued April 1, 1997;
- (11) Reuter et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,900,691, issued May 4, 1999;
- (12) Lindemann et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,066,911, issued May 23, 2000;
- (13) Matsuda et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,201,340, issued March 13, 2001;
- (14) Matsuda et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/583,366, filed May 31, 2000; and
- (15) Matsuda et al., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/591,622, filed June 9, 2000.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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